

cultivation, there are a good many people willing to take it up for cultivation and also build houses on the old village sites. The petitions presented to this effect during the last four or five years have had no effect. This question may therefore be considered.

Dewan.—When I went to Holalkere, I received a petition. It has been referred to the Conservator of Forests. It is under his scrutiny. The matter will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 251.

Conversion of the Harihar Sub - Taluk into a Taluk.

Mr. Santaveerappa,
Harihar Municipality.

Mr. Santaveerappa.—Harihar was once the head quarters of a taluk which was abolished in the year 1874. As it is an important Railway Station, a place of pilgrimage, and also a big town bordering on British Territory, its reconstitution into a taluk is a matter of pressing necessity. As the abolition of the Kumsi Sub-Taluk is under contemplation of Government, the conversion of Harihar into a taluk may be easily effected by the regrouping of the taluks of the Shimoga District and retransferring to Harihar the villages bordering on Honnali and Davangere Taluks which formerly belonged to it. By its reconstitution into a *pucca* taluk, the town of Harihar is sure to grow in importance and prosperity.

Dewan.—Under consideration.

SUBJECT No. 252.

Continuance of payment of annual maintenance charges to Harihar water works by the District Board.

Mr. Santaveerappa,
Harihar Municipality.

Mr. Santaveerappa.—In connection with the maintenance of the Harihar town water supply scheme, the Chitaldrug District Board were contributing Rs. 1,625 annually. They have now resolved to discontinue the payment of the same. The Harihar town municipality is too poor to find funds for the maintenance of water works solely by itself. The municipality is not in a position to borrow from Government for the purpose as it is not able to repay the debt. As the engine, boiler and other apparatus of Harihar town water supply project have not been in working order owing to wear and tear, water is now being supplied to the town through the pumping plant of Davangere town water supply scheme. The Davangere municipality have notified to the effect that they cannot afford to supply water to the Harihar town through their plants any further. As the town of Harihar is likely to suffer much for want of supply of water, Government may be pleased to order the continuance of the contribution of the annual maintenance charges of Rs. 1,625 by the District Board to the Harihar Municipality. The present condition of the water supply project and the help required for its continuance have been brought to the notice of the Second Member of Council during his recent tour to Harihar.

Dewan.—The matter will be enquired into.

SUBJECT No. 253.

The holding of elementary classes in the A.-V. School at Harihar both in the morning and afternoon.

Mr. Santaveerappa,
Harihar Municipality.

Mr. Santaveerappa.—The compulsory education scheme is in force in the town of Harihar. Under the scheme, if parents fail to send their boys to school they will be liable to punishment. Having this restriction in view it is surprising to learn that the elementary classes for boys are held only in the morning for the last ten months. On enquiry as to why the classes are not held in the afternoon as well, it was intimated by the educational authorities that for want of room in the A.-V. School